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Dear Joshua:

Many thanks for your recent letter regarding the possible use of antibiotics as food supplements. This raises some interesting questions relative not only to bioregenerative life support systems but also to possible implications of planetary contamination. As a result, I have asked George Jacobs and Larry Hall, from Bioscience Programs, and Leo Fox, from Biotechnology and Human Research Division, to investigate this idea and find out what work is being done along these lines under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or other sponsorship. I must confess that I know of no one pursuing such an investigation at this time.

As soon as I have any information, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

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